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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
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First named inventor: Raymond Keith Foster

Application No.: 10/743,992

Art Unit: 3651

Filed: December 23, 2003

Examiner: James R. Bidwell

Title: RECIPROCATING FLOOR CONVEYOR WITH SPLASH GUARD BEARINGS

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

- ☒ Small entity-fee \$ 685.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

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- ☐ has been filed previously on _____.
- ☐ is enclosed herewith.

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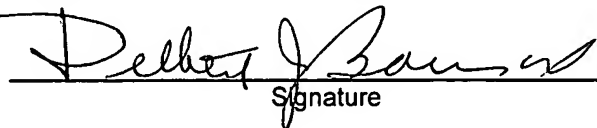
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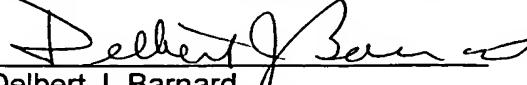
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LETTER ACCOMPANYING PETITION FOR REVIVAL

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Sir:

On November 1, 2004, the Office of Barnard, Loop & McCormack LLP (formerly Barnard & Pauly, P.S.) received a Notice of Abandonment dated October 27, 2004, relating to the above-identified Application. The Notice informed the undersigned that the subject Application had become abandoned for failure to pay the issue fee and publication fee that were due on September 21, 2004.

Enclosed is a Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), together with the Petition Fee, the Fee Transmittal Form, the Issue Fee, the Publication Fee, and an Advanced Order for 10 copies of the Patent.

Leslie Moss, the firm's docket clerk for over twenty years, left the employment of the firm on August 5, 2004 so that she could spend more time with her two children during the new school year. She also planned to look for a job that was less demanding on her time so that she could find time to participate in school activities with her children. Ms. Moss was replaced by Jolene McCracken, an experienced paralegal and docket clerk who had worked for other patent law firms. Ms. McCracken was responsible for all docket activities including the payment of issue fees and maintenance fees as they became due. Ms. McCracken did not meet the needs of the firm and for that reason she was discharged in October of this year. While she was our docket clerk, she transformed our docket records from a paper system to an electronic system and as new matters came in that needed to be docketed she entered them into the electronic system. We started having trouble with our server and we lost a lot of information including information from our docket system and from our financial records. We had to go back to files and other raw data and reconstruct new records. In the process, we went back to a paper docket system. We also purchased two new servers and put our office records on one and are using the other one for e-mails. Part of the problem that we had with our old server was that incoming e-mails would cause failures in the server.

App. No. 10/375,225
Date: November 4, 2004

Almost immediately after Ms. McCracken was terminated, we started a file by file review to find the necessary data for reconstructing our docket system. The Notice of Abandonment was received in this application before we reached the application for review. The invention that forms the subject matter of the application is important to our client and neither our client nor us intended to abandon the application.

The Office is requested to grant the Petition For Revival Of Application Serial No. 10/743,992.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional costs that may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 02-0915. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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